

What types of costs are eligible for reimbursement?

Costs directly related to planning for the actual removal, implementing the dam removal, and the restoration of the impoundment are potentially eligible for reimbursement. Eligible costs include labor costs, materials and equipment costs, and engineering or planning costs if directly related to the dam removal project.

Where can I get additional information?

Contact your regional Environmental Grants Specialist (see listing below) or the Rivers Program Coordinator in Madison at 608-266-9273 for additional information. In addition, the Environmental Grants Specialists in the region can refer you to your local water quality specialists who work with river restoration projects in your area.

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Small and Abandoned Dam Removal Grants Now Available !!!

Application forms are now available for grant funding to assist in the removal of small dams or abandoned dams:

- ◆ Grants can fund 50% of the removal costs of these dams, up to a maximum of \$50,000 for small dams. Small dams are dams with less than 15 feet of hydraulic height and impound 100 surface acres or less at normal pool.
- ◆ Grants for abandoned dams are not capped and can cover 100% of costs, but grant awards are limited by currently available funding.

Grant application forms and instructions are available through regional DNR Environmental Grants Specialists, River Grant Staff, and through the Dam Safety Program in the DNR's Central Office in Madison. Or visit the following DNR web site address to download these materials:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/Grants/DamRemov.html>

Read on for more detailed information!



Small and Abandoned Dam Removal Grant Program
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Who may apply?

In the case of small dam removal grants, any county, city, village, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or private dam owner may apply. Any of these entities may apply on behalf of the actual dam owner if the dam owner is willing to allow their dam to be removed.

In the case of abandoned dams, any person who has obtained legal access to property containing the dam, for the purpose of removing the dam, may apply for grant assistance.

When should applications be submitted and how will they be evaluated?

Applications may be submitted now. It is important that all required attachments be complete and submitted with the application package. Applications will be reviewed for basic eligibility requirements within 60 days of receipt as specified in NR 336 and then funded in order based on date received until program funds are exhausted. Incomplete applications will not be considered received until all attachments have been submitted.

How should applications be submitted?

Application packages should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Central Office in Madison. Please refer to the application instruction page for the specific address and delivery details. If mailing your application, please ask the Postmaster to hand-cancel postage on your envelope to ensure a clear postmark date that the Department will use to prioritize your application. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Is there a local match requirement to obtain a grant?

Yes. The local share requirement is 50%. Local share may come from in-kind services or a variety of other funding sources including other state or federal grant programs. All sources of local share must be identified when applying for a dam removal grant. In-kind contributions of materials, equipment, services or donated labor are eligible. Specific information about the amount allowable for each type of in-kind contribution is described in ch. NR 336, Wis. Adm. Code.

Can an approved applicant receive an advance or partial payment for the project?

No. Projects funded through this program are anticipated to be relatively low-cost removal projects totaling \$100,000 or less. To reduce the administrative costs associated with this program, reimbursement will only take place as a single payment following project completion. The Department will inspect the project within 30 days of receiving an inspection or payment request. The "check recipient" referred to on the *Grant Payment Request form* (#8700-001), will be the applicant identified on the initial grant application form.

How much time can an applicant have to complete a dam removal project?

The applicant must specify the expected project completion date when applying for a grant and that expected completion date cannot exceed 2 years from the date of application. In addition, payment reimbursement requests must be submitted within 90 days of the project end date specified in the grant agreement.